



USA KARATE Officials

Code of Conduct

I understand that as a USA Karate Official, there are responsibilities, expectations and duties attached to my position. It is clear that my position as a USA Karate Official is one of authority and that it is critical to the development of elite athletes and to the technical integrity of the sport at all levels. As an official representative of USA Karate, I shall broadly adhere to, comply with, and support the rules, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines set forth by USA Karate. As such, I shall:

1. Maintain current knowledge of competition rules, changes, and responsibilities and strive to further my knowledge and experience in accordance with USA Karate, PKF and WKF sanctioned seminars and certification courses.
2. Adhere to the appropriate Officials' dress code in accordance with the Rules of Competition and USA Karate standards.
3. Attend designated official functions of USA Karate as an ambassador of the sport.
4. Arrive at state, regional, national or international competition venues at the designated time and remain until the Chief Referee excuses me or until the conclusion of the competition. Unless otherwise specified in writing by the Chief Referee, CEO, President or other designated USA Karate representative, I will be subject to disciplinary measures as outlined by the USA Karate Referee Committee Policy and Rules for failure to comply.
5. Enforce the Rules of Competition in a fair and impartial manner, showing no favoritism by actions, inactions or appearance toward one competitor over another.
6. Accept constructive critique from authorized supervisors in order to improve my skills as a USA Karate Official.
7. Ensure that safety is treated as an utmost priority as I perform my tasks as a USA Karate Official.
8. Exercise careful judgment and take appropriate precautions to protect the welfare of the competitors and my tournament co-workers.
9. Conduct myself in a professional manner at all times in my capacity as an Official and appropriately excuse myself from my position in the event of illness, personal issues or other conflicts that may impair my ability to perform as a USA Karate Official on any given day.
10. Maintain current Safe Sport and NCIS clearance along with USA Karate membership.
11. Refrain from accepting favors, cash, gifts, in-kind or monetary rewards from competitors, coaches, spectators, participants or delegation representatives in exchange for my actions as an Official.
12. Refrain from fraternizing with USA Team Members and from making remarks about competitors or their performances.
13. Refrain from coaching competitors while serving as an Official.
14. Maintain proper physical conditioning as required to perform my tasks as an Official.
15. Follow state, national and international laws and be forthcoming with USA Karate regarding any inconsistencies that may affect my eligibility to serve as an Official.
16. Refrain from the use of alcohol, un-prescribed drugs or other substance(s) which could impair or appear to impair my judgment or abilities.
17. Promote USA Karate in a positive manner and refrain from engaging in negative and/or disparaging communications regarding USA Karate or its officers, members or participants.

I hereby confirm that I have read the USA Karate Officials' Code of Conduct and Officials Policy and Rules, and that I agree to and shall comply with the terms and conditions contained therein. I fully understand the expectations hereafter imposed upon me by USA Karate as a USA Karate Official.

Signature

Printed Name

Date